

Lecture 10-2-3 Trees B Trees

1. In a 2-3 tree, what characterizes a 3-node?

- A) One key and two children
- B) Two keys and three children
- C) Three keys and two children
- D) Three keys and four children

Answer: B

2. What happens when inserting a key into a full 3-node in a 2-3 tree?

- A) Promote the smallest key to the parent
- B) Split the node into two 2-nodes, and promote the middle key to the parent
- C) Split the node into three 2-nodes
- D) Rotate the tree to maintain balance

Answer: B

3. During B-tree insertion, if a leaf node exceeds its capacity, what is the correct action?

- A. Delete the smallest key.
- B. Split the node, and promote the middle key to the parent
- C. Rotate keys with a sibling.
- D. Merge the node with its parent.

Answer: B

4. When a B Tree's root node splits during insertion, what happens to the tree height?

- A) It decreases by 1
- B) It remains the same
- C) It increases by 1
- D) It becomes unbalanced

Answer: C

5. What is the primary advantage of B Trees over binary search trees for large datasets?

- A) Reduced tree height, minimizing disk probes
- B) Support for non-numeric keys
- C) Simpler deletion operations

Answer: A

6. Which tree type guarantees that all leaf nodes are at the same level?

- A) Binary Search Tree
- B) AVL Tree
- C) 2-3 Trees and B Trees

D) Red-Black Tree

Answer: C

7. Which data structure is commonly used in databases and file systems?

A) AVL Tree

B) Binary Heap

C) B Tree

D) Linked List

Answer: C

8. How do B Trees differ from AVL trees?

A) B Trees are binary, while AVL trees are multi-way

B) B Trees are optimized for disk access, while AVL trees are in-memory structures

C) AVL trees guarantee balance, but B Trees do not

D) B Trees use rotations, while AVL trees use splitting

Answer: B

9. How does increasing the order M of a B Tree affect its height?

A) Height increases exponentially

B) Height decreases

C) Height remains constant

D) Height becomes unpredictable

Answer: B

10. For a B Tree of order 5, what is the maximum number of keys in a single node?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

Answer: B

11. For a B-tree of order 5, what is the minimum number of keys in a non-root node?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: B

12. For a B-tree of order 5, what is the minimum number of keys in the root node?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: B

13. What is the maximum total number of keys in a B-tree of order 5 and height 2?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 24
- D. 124

Answer: D

14. Which tree structure is a special case of a B-tree with $M=3$?

- A. AVL tree
- B. 2-3 tree
- C. Red-black tree
- D. Binary search tree

Answer: B

15. If a B-tree of order M has n keys, its worst-case search complexity is:

- A. $O(n)$
- B. $O(\log n)$
- C. $O(M)$
- D. $O(Mn)$

Answer: B

16. What is the minimum height of a B-tree with $n=63$ keys and $M=4$?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

Answer: A (Since $\log_4(63+1)-1=2$)